



Proclamation

Presented to

Dignity Honolulu

WHEREAS, Dignity Honolulu, the Hawai'i chapter of Dignity USA, has been providing outreach ministry for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics and their families and friends since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Dignity Honolulu believes that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons can exercise their sexuality in a manner that is consonant with Christ's teaching, and that all sexuality should be exercised in an ethically responsible and unselfish way; and

WHEREAS, Dignity Honolulu provides individuals with a safe environment to reconcile their God-given gifts of sexual orientation and their Catholic faith through gay-affirming liturgies; being part of the Dignity Honolulu family means claiming ownership of your faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership; and

WHEREAS, Dignity Honolulu works for justice and equality through education and defending social and legal reforms by giving testimony about their lives of service; and

WHEREAS, Dignity Honolulu affords individuals with opportunities for self-acceptance by participating in community-based events such as "Dine with Dignity" nights, bible studies and other various retreats; and

WHEREAS, Dignity Honolulu partners with various organizations in our State including Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Oahu (PFLAG-Oahu) and Interfaith Services to improve public awareness of how gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons support the community at large;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2011 as

"DIGNITY HONOLULU AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Dignity Honolulu for its contributions to our local communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of May, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i